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Region VI RICC Meeting

South Central Human Service Center Monday, May 19th 2008

Present: Keith Gustafson Marcia Schneider

Jane Van Ray Amanda Lausch
Cindie Richman Tim Huseth
Lisa Martens Theresa Will

Report from Core Group

1. Early Intervention eligibility:

As was requested, Marcia drafted a brochure outlining the eligibility criteria for developmental disabilities/early intervention for children 0 – 3 years of age. The group reviewed the draft copy distributed and decided on a few minor changes. Marcia will make the agreed upon additions/corrections and get a final copy of Linda. Keith moved and Cindie seconded that we duplicate this final copy of the eligibility brochure and use it at intake in Region 6.

2. <u>Early Childhood Special Education eligibility:</u>

Keith distributed his evaluations and policy brief on ECSE criteria. There was group discussion on this. Keith would like to submit it to Roxane Romanick to share with Deb Balsdon to get it on the agenda for the state ICC. Marcia moved and Lisa seconded it that Keith submits his policy brief to Deb and Roxane to get it on the state ICC agenda.

3. Child Find:

ChildFind efforts were once again discussed. Cindie asked for input from Teresa on the Health Tracks program Public Health does that might help locate youngsters who need special help. They deal mostly with the WIC population. They see kids at 6 months, 12 months, and hopefully each year after that. They contact everyone, but participation is optional.

3. Compliance monitoring data:

Last compliance monitoring data was handed out. It was from the October 1, 2007 data. There were 20 areas that were not in compliance. Of these, about 10 - 12

of the items staff did not feel were items that would be a problem to bring to compliance as they were items that, if one area was not in compliance, the next several weren't either.

5. Other:

The Crossroad Conference is scheduled for September 16th & 17th, 2008 in Minot.

There was discussion about starting a website for SCR KIDS. Keith shared that he was working on this with four of the infant development programs. It was then suggested that it would be nice if a parent blog could be added as a link on these website. Marcia mentioned that Family Voices has started a parent bulletin board to give parents a chance to share information, etc. It was mentioned that this wasn't very user friendly, so Marcia said she would contact Donene to get feedback on this.

Marcia shared that the Family Voices staff and Experienced Parents had a conference call with Cathy Barchenger, Program Manager for the Medically Fragile Waiver. She will type up her notes and disseminate them to everyone with the RICC minutes for their information.

Marcia disseminated a list of Region 6 transition activities that she has been compiling that are available in the various communities in Region 6. She has asked if any of the RICC members knew of any additional activities to add, and that it will be an ongoing work in progress. In the meantime, it will be disseminated to home visitors and parents to use as a resource when planning transition for their children.

The next Region 6 RICC meeting will be: <u>SEPTEMBER 15th, 2008 at 11:30 at the SCHSC.</u> This is the third Monday in September, so mark your calendars now!